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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, TS, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL BIRTHDAY GREETING TO BOURGUIBA

REF: TUNIS 5229

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO  
PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST AND MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS  
ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF YOUR BIRTHDAY. IT IS MY  
HOPE AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT YOUR NATION WILL  
CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR INSPIRED WISDOM AND  
LEADERSHIP FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO ASSURE YOU ONCE AGAIN THAT TUNISIA IS A CHERISHED AND  
VALUED FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE INDEPENDENCE AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO REGIONAL  
STABILITY AND PEACE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE IN WHICH OUR  
TWO NATION'S WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE  
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OUR SHARED IDEALS OF JUSTICE, HUMAN DIGNITY AND PEACE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD, END TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF GOT WISHES TO DO SO.

3. DECLASSIFY ON RECEIPT. KISSINGER

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